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President's Column

By Jay Perrine



Photo taken at Bill Turner's Shop since our last meeting. Alan wanted to cut, drill and weld some metal parts (he purchased the steel from Alan Steel & Supply in Redwood City, which I suggested as his metal supplier) for a slab coffee table he is making. Hopefully we will get full details when he does the program this month.



Anyway, it was a VERY RAINY and WINDY Sunday when we met at Bill's Dream workshop. Bill used his milling machine to drill some holes (Bill set it up and Alan used it on the other parts - I think he needed 4 but had a spare - always a good idea). Then Bill set Alan up on a narrow belt sander capable of metal and had Alan grind the edge off in anticipation of welding.

Then on to the welder. Since I had put this effort together, Bill had me start with the welding and I verbally described to Alan how to do MIG (metal inert gas) welding (also has wire feed) and donned a helmet on Alan and he watched me weld about 2" on some scrap. Amazingly Alan was able to do pretty good weld on the scrap I set up for practice and then on to the real thing.

After a bit the welder sputtered and we collectively couldn't figure it out so Bill volunteered to finish the admittedly small project with his oxy-acetylene set up which would be WAY TOO complicated to teach Alan in a quick session.

I (and most likely Alan also) are VERY GRATEFUL that Bill makes his shop available to the club. By the way, as Bill reported at our Holiday Pizza Party, most of his woodworking tools are now set up and connected to his dust collection system. It is a below the floor ducting system that I was able to check out for myself. What a great club resource and fun for me! (Even though it was Alan's project and Bill's shop.)

Meeting February 23 7pm

Alan Kutach will be sharing his adventures building the burl coffee table displayed below. Dave will be providing snacks and drinks.

Meeting Location

Saratoga Federated Church
Postal Annex Building
14376 Saratoga Ave.
Saratoga, CA

Map and directions:

<https://www.southbaywoodworkers.org/>



January New Years Party in Review

Pizza, salads and desserts were enjoyed by all! As well as a slide show that Tracie put together of all the projects and activities shared with the club in 2023.



Steve, Alan, Allen, & Carol



Jeff, Ursula, Pippa & Greg



Tracie, Kathleen, Bill, Jennifer & Jay



Dave, Jae & Pat



Eugene, Laura, Lisa, Bob & Lise

January Show n' Tell

Laura Marshall shared a picture frame she made from recycled oak. She also used biscuits in a creative way to hold the back into the frame.



Steve Kelem shared several tools to make life easier moving plywood around the shop.

Jay Perrine's guest **Jae Kim** shared a wood sculpture he made in years past.



2024 Programs

Any additions or changes to the program schedule please contact **Tracie Johnson**.

February 27	Alan Kutach Coffee Table Snacks Dave Burkett
March 26	Greg Spencer Standing Desk
April 23	Jay Perrine Lectern for his church Snacks Alan Kutach
May 28	Greg Spencer Workbench
June 25	Eugene Gulko Workbench
July 23	
August 27	Bob Konigsberg Drum Building
September 24	
October 22	
November 26	

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